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Dockets Management Branch
Food & Drug Administration
12420 Parklawn Drive, Room 1-23
Rockville, MD 20857

Re: Docket No.98P-0203/CP

Dear Sir:

Forced molting is an inhumane farm practice as well as a food safety problem. The deliberate starving of millions of hens each year for an average of 10 days in order to artificially cause those hens to begin a new laying cycle destroys their immune systems and allows disease to develop and spread.

We urge you to ban forced molting by granting the United Poultry Concern petition, filed under Docket No.98P-0203/CP

Sincerely,

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